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## FOUR TAKE TAX EXAMINATION

That Number Seek Eligibility to Tax Commissioner Candidacy.

Four Fulton Countians took the examination required of candidates for Tax Commissioner Monday at the court house. They were W. T. Coffey of Hickman, present incumbent of that office, J. P. Jeffress and James H. Milner of Fulton, and John Cruise of Lodgeton. Clardy Holland of Hickman was present at the courthouse when the examination began, but on account of injuries received several weeks ago, was unable to write the examination.

County Attorney Dee L. McNeill submitted the questions to the aspirants, and at the close of the examination forwarded the papers to the State Tax Commission, which will begin at once on the examination and grading of the papers from the one hundred and nineteen counties of the state. If the order in which they are graded is by districts Fulton County papers should be graded at once, and as soon as they are graded a list of those who passed will be forwarded to the county attorney here.

## HENRY POLLOCK FOR MAGISTRATE

Seeks to Represent Magisterial District No. 3 in Fiscal Court.

The Courier is pleased to place in its announcement columns this week the name of Henry Pollock, a substantial and well known farmer of near Hickman. In this way Mr. Pollock places himself as a candidate for the important office of Magistrate to represent the Third District in the Fiscal Court of Fulton County.

Mr. Pollock is a native Fulton Countian, and is one of the most well known in the district. Although he has been a Democrat throughout his whole life lending his support to the ticket whenever the chance presented itself, he has never before placed himself before the voters of the county and asked that he be chosen as their representative in office.

Besides being centrally located in the district, Mr. Pollock tells us that he is well acquainted with the methods used in road work, and that he will be well versed in every detail of that branch of his work, which knowledge is essentially beneficial to such an official.

He has made no campaign promises but tells us that should he be chosen by the voters to this office, he will endeavor to render the best possible service to his constituency in taking care of the interests of his district.

Before the primary of August 6, to which primary the candidacy of Mr. Pollock is subject, he will attempt to see all the voters of the district and present his claims in person, but before he sees them he asks that they refrain from pledging themselves.

## VESTER DAVIS' EXAMINING TRIAL POSTPONED

Examining trial for Vester Davis, charged with complicity in the murder of Fred Evans, has been postponed to next Monday. The trial was not held last Monday as scheduled on account of the examination for the candidates for tax commissioner, which was given by County Attorney McNeill. It will be remembered that the examining trial for Land Davis, charged with the same crime, was held last week, separate from Vester Davis, as the latter had not been located until Tuesday of last week, when he was caught in East St. Louis by St. Louis officials. Both men are in jail now, Land's case having been taken under consideration by Judge Stahl for future disposal.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Prof. R. P. Green, of the State Department of Education was in the County Tuesday to get information as to whether it would be feasible to establish a summer school for teachers, at Fulton. This school will be established if it can be learned that there will be a sufficient number to support it, the minimum number being about fifty. The fee will be ten dollars. It is proposed that there will be three teachers for a term of five weeks of six days each and that the work begin June 6. Those interested will please see or write the county superintendent.

## SUITS FILED.

D. B. Wilson vs. Petition ex parte, appeared from county court decision of regular term, Feb. 14, 1921. This suit grows out of an effort to establish drainage district in lower bottom.

R. R. Tipton vs. Dan Whitson et al., appeared from quarterly court, special term, March 15, 1921. Forcible entry and detainer suit.

Nona Jones, adm., etc. vs. E. C. Rice et al., suit to prevent closing estate and collection of fees.

The present rise in the Mississippi came to a stand here Wednesday, just in time to prevent the closing of the city sewers through the levee. The water was beginning to come through the sewers but when it was found it would reach a stand, nothing was done towards closing them. The Cairo Weather Bureau stated this rise would pass out as it had come—very rapidly.

## Special Values in Easter Wear



### A Large and Varied Showing

Is Provided in the Articles Needed to Complete the Easter Costume

Fashionable Dresses

at

\$19.50 and \$24.50

Offering the utmost possible at these prices in variety, style and make. Materials are taffeta, crepe de chine, Canton crepe, in all the desirable shades.

New Spring Suits

at

\$27.50 and \$39.50

Plain tailored and embroidered models, semi-fitted and box effects in tricotie, Poret twill and serge. Suits that will convince you they are real values.

Spring Coats

\$19.50 and \$24.50

In the wanted fabrics and styles of the season. Come in solid colors and mixtures.

Gloves

16-button, all silk white and mode gloves for the Easter costume—

\$2.50

16-button washable chamois suede—

\$2.00

All silk short gloves in white, black and colors—

\$1.00 to \$1.75



LOW SHOES

For Easter

A pair of pretty pumps improves your whole attire, and pretty they will be if chosen here.

Black satin strap pumps in high

and low French heels.

\$6.50 to \$10

Black and brown oxfords in several qualities at—

\$4.50 to \$8.50

## THE NEW HATS

It is difficult to say just what shade Fashion most desires in her hats for spring, for there are many large models, and there is an equal number of small close fitting hats—flowers, fruits, feathers and veils are favored trimmings.

Prices to Suit Every Pocketbook

SILK HOSIERY

For Easter

Variety and color includes the best styles for spring wear.

Prices are the lowest we have been able to quote for several seasons.

Black silk hose in splendid qualities at

\$1 to \$2.50

Colored silk hose in tan, cardovan and grey

\$1.25 to \$3.00

Corsets

No costume is complete without a new corset.

We're showing new styles in

Warner and Gossard makes

Prices—

\$1.00 to \$10

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## TAX SUPERVISORS NOW IN SESSION

Extra Work Necessitated by Recent Tax Assessment Raise.

The Board of Tax Supervisors for Fulton County is in session this week at the court house. This board is composed of the following gentlemen: D. R. Wilson, Hickman, chairman; W. C. Speer, Hickman; Dick Bard, Fulton; and T. E. Williamson, Lodgeton, for whom J. K. Tyler, of the same district substituted during the first part of the week. A more competent board could hardly have been selected from among the property owners of the county, and they have been hard at work on their task of equalizing the taxes of the county for the past four days. According to one member of the board, their work will not be finished before some time next week.

Their duties have been rendered doubly difficult on account of the recent raise in the tax assessment for this county which was tacked on by the State Tax Commission. This eminent body of tax experts had seen fit to leave a \$800,000 increase in our assessment for this year, bringing our total assessment up to something like \$11,000,000. It will be remembered that a body of Fulton County officials journeyed to Frankfort to remonstrate with the commission, which resulted in \$140,000 of the increase being lopped off, leaving an increase of \$660,000 to be added to our assessment. We might say right here that Fulton County taxpayers have about reached the end of their endurance, in the matter of tax paying. Increase upon increase has been piled upon Fulton County until the taxes here have reached a point almost double that of three years ago. A stopping point must come somewhere, and in the near future, if our taxpayers are to be able to bear the burden.

Upon the task of meeting this raise the board has been working. They have succeeded in discovering much unassessed property which will help in meeting the increase.

The following figures will show something of what is being done: Tangible and Live Stock assessed, \$9,702, raised, \$23,000, total, \$32,702; Land assessed, \$41,500, raised, \$24,000, total, \$65,500; Town Lots assessed \$4,000, raised, \$15,180, total, \$29,180; loss in land and town lots, \$3,250.

## FIRE DESTROYS SHED AND MACHINERY

Blaze in West Hickman Wednesday Morning of Unknown Origin.

About 12:30 Wednesday morning fire was discovered in a shed back of the West Hickman Baptist Church on the same ground where Hale's gin burned several years ago. The fire department was immediately called out but in spite of excellent work, the flames had gotten too great a start and could not be extinguished.

The shed, belonging to John Ezell, was a total loss, and stored in the shed were a new cotton gin, a levee camp outfit, three kerosene tractors, and about three reamolds of lumber, which were destroyed with the exception of about two carloads of lumber.

The machinery and lumber, which belonged to C. T. Bondurant, were partly covered by insurance, and the shed was insured to the amount of about \$350.

The owners of the property are at a loss to know the origin of the fire, which started in the center of the shed, probably in a pile of straw.

## PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

The subject which will be of paramount interest, not only to Hickman people but to all residents of the County, from now on until April 2nd, is the question of raising the \$2500 for this end of the County to carry on the Public Health Work. Practically every citizen in the locality knows something of the wonderful work our present Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Sims, has done since her coming last October and no one who has seen anything of it would be willing to let it drop. If we can raise the \$2500 called for in this end of the County, we shall not only be able to keep Mrs. Sims and carry on her work in conjunction with Dr. Hubbard, the Health Officer, but also secure another nurse for county and school work.

The committee appointed to carry on this drive met last night at the City Hall and reported that, although the campaign has just been launched, \$250 has been pledged by the City School Board, \$100 by the Masonic Blue Lodge, \$45.50 by the Woman's Club and \$10 by the Social Embroidery Club. The question has been brought before the other clubs and lodges in town and it is hoped to have a report of other lodge donations at the committee meeting next Tuesday night, March 22nd.

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Old Hickman school has pledged the proceeds of the entertainment at the court house tonight to this work, and the members of the West Hickman Parent-Teachers Association have pledged the proceeds of a pie supper to be held at the West Hickman school Saturday night. It is hoped that the public will attend and keep both of these organizations raise their quota for this cause which touches the life and welfare of every man, woman and child.

The Woman's Club will meet at the LaCade Hotel, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, March 23.